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SUBJECT: PROVISIONS FOR SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA
ON VESSELS LICENSED TO OPERATE IN TTPI TERRITORIAL WATERS.

DOTA NO. 352-TT

RE: PROVISIONS FOR SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA ON VESSELS
LICENSED TO OPERATE IN TTPI TERRITORIAL WATERS.

A. TRUST TERRITORY CODE, TITLE 19, SECTIONS 51 AND 52.

1. RECENT SPOT INSPECTIONS BY DOTA ZEDER AND
USCG REPS REVEAL SERIOUS SHORTCOMINGS IN SAFETY OF LIFE AT
SEA EQUIPMENT ON SOME FIELD TRIP SHIPS OPERATING IN TRUST
TERRITORY. DEFICIENCIES INCLUDE INSUFFICIENT NUMBERS
AND IMPROPER STORAGE OF LIFE JACKETS, UNUSEABLE LIFE BOATS
AND DEPLETED CO2 FIRE EXTINGUISHERS IN ENGINE SPACES. NO
ENTRIES MADE IN SHIP'S DECK LOGS OF LIFE BOAT DRILLS FOR
CREW AND EMBARKED PASSENGERS AS FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS
UPON LEAVING PORT. SANITARY CONDITIONS UNSATISFACTORY
INCLUDING RAT AND ROACH INFESTATION. CONTINUED NEGLIGENCE
IN PROVIDING FOR SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA COULD LEAD TO A
SIGNIFICANT MARITIME DISASTER.

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2. REF A CREATED A BOARD OF MARINE INSPECTORS

AND ESTABLISHED A PROCEDURE FOR INSPECTION OF EACH VESSEL LICENSED TO OPERATE IN THE TERRITORIAL WATERS OF THE TTPI. SPECIFICALLY, THE BOARD SHALL INSPECT EACH LICENSED VESSEL AT LEAST ONCE EVERY YEAR TO DETERMINE, INTER ALIA, IF THE SHIP IS IN CONDITION TO BE USED IN NAVIGATION AS A VESSEL WITH SAFETY TO LIFE AND CARGO. IF THE BOARD FINDS THE VESSEL UNSAFE, IT MAY FORBID FURTHER OPERATION UNTIL UNSATISFACTORY CONDITIONS ARE CORRECTED.

3. ACTIONS REQUIRED:

(1) IMMEDIATELY INSURE THAT EACH FIELD TRIP SHIP: HAS OR IS PROVIDED WITH ADEQUATE NUMBERS OF LIFE JACKETS, LIFE BOATS AND RAFTS; HAS ADEQUATE FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT; CONDUCTS LIFE BOAT DRILLS IMMEDIATELY UPON DEPARTURE FROM EACH PORT OR ANCHORAGE.

(2) PROVIDE TO DOTA A COPY OF RULES AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY BOARD OF MARINE INSPECTORS ON ENFORCEMENT OF PROVISIONS OF TITLE 19, TTC.

REPORT OF EACH TTPI LICENSED VESSEL INSPECTED IN 1974 AND 1975 BY BOARD OF MARINE INSPECTORS.

(4) PROVIDE COPY OF PROGRAM AND SCHEDULE FOR FUMIGATION OF SHIPS TO GET RID OF RATS AND ROACHES.

DOTA ZEDER SENDS.
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